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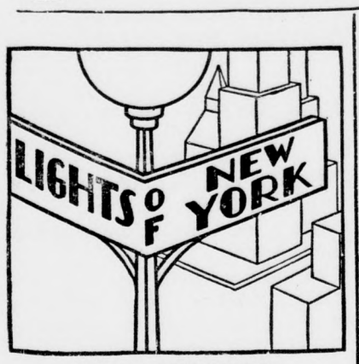

By L. L. STEVENSON

Eerie: This was told to me by a friend of years' standing whose veracity I have never had occasion to question and who has been inclined to scoff at all psychic phenomena. Recently, she visited a friend who for some time had been in a hospital quite ill. In the night she was awakened from a deep sleep by a vivid dream in which her body seemed to be suspended horizontally over her bed. Turning on the light, she noted that the time was 5:30 a. m. For a little while she lay contemplating her dream. Then her eyes became heavy and she turned off the light at 5:40. But though the light was out, the glare still remained in her eyes and after a while, she saw in the glare, her friend all in white, walking toward a white coffin. As the coffin was reached, the glare disappeared. When she arose, she telephoned the hospital. Her friend had died at 5:45 a. m.

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Street Scene: A boy and a girl standing in front of an old tenement, earnestly poring over a document . . . A street cleaner, with his little cart parked close by, holds his broom in midair as he too peers . . . Then he goes back to work with a smile . . . A policeman, swinging his club, gives a glance at youngsters playing in the street, grins at the young couple and walks away whistling softly . . . Two old women, their wide skirts flapping, walk past jabbering in some foreign language . . . A middle-aged man, pipe in his mouth, thrusts his shoeless feet on a window sill and starts to open a newspaper . . . A woman, evidently his wife, says something to him and he leans out of the window and peers at the paper which so interests the boy and girl . . . and that document is a marriage license.

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Assistance: Up at Lakewood, Maine, which is outside Skowhegan, telephone subscribers can get only party lines. So when Harry Carey was playing at the Lakewood playhouse recently, he had to share his phone with three other patrons. The operator always listens in so that she will know when conversations are ended. Well, Hollywood called Carey with an offer of a part in another picture after he had finished "Shepherd of the Hills." Carey's answer was that he didn't want to give a definite reply until later. The man on the other end kept on urging and named the salary. Still Carey hesitated. At that point, the operator cut in.

"Mr. Carey," she said, "that looks like a swell offer. I think you should accept."

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Laundry: One of the reasons why we will hate to leave 444 Central Park West, is the Monday morning roof show. Judging by evidence laid out before our eyes weekly, laundries don't get much business from wives and mothers who live in the tenements the tops of which are visible from our living-room window. Every Monday morning, the roofs are filled with garments of all sorts and sizes fresh from tubs.

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Cards: Up in Mt. Vernon two young married couples have been playing "airplane pinochle" for some time. This differs from the standard game in that, instead of a dummy being dealt, the partner of the bidder hands over four cards. Husbands and wives have been playing against one another and the men have been taking the women to town. But the other evening, one of the wives laid down a double run of trumps, a matter of a mere 1,500 points. Then the next hand, the other wife laid down a double run of aces for 1,000 points. And the husbands have seen fit to discontinue the game for the present at least.

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Theater note: Max Marcin, encountering an actor he hadn't seen since Hollywood days, asked about his family . . . "By the way," recalled Marcin, "Your son is a surgeon now, isn't he?" . . . "That's right," returned the actor proudly. "He opens at Bellevue hospital Monday" . . .

South to Have Defense Role

Many Projects Under Way To Aid in Expansion of Army and Navy.

ATLANTA.—The South is preparing to take a big part in the program for the development of the army and navy to meet defense demands.

The federal government, realizing the strategically important geographic location of the southern and southeastern states, has made huge appropriations for the development of military and naval bases in the area. Even more funds are expected to go into the military development of the South.

In every southern state, chambers of commerce, National Guard officers and patriotic organizations are working to insure the best locations for training camps, air fields for naval aviation bases—to be used when and if needed.

The government has authorized or begun construction in the South of these projects:

A 525,000-acre anti-aircraft training center near Savannah, Ga. The cost has been estimated at $25,000,000, including an outlay of $3,500,000 for land in seven counties.

Enlarge Training Facilities.

Enlargement of Fort McPherson at Atlanta, for which $1,500,000 was authorized by the house military affairs committee. An army supply base to serve the entire Southeast will be located at the fort.

Expansion of Fort Benning, at Columbus, Ga., to allow additional personnel to use the facilities of what is already the world's largest training school for infantry.

Expansion of the Opa-locka naval air base at Miami, at a cost of $3,500,000, intended to increase the navy's control over the Caribbean sea and the Central American zone—an obvious point of attack.

Construction of an even larger air base at Jacksonville, Fla., near the Georgia border, primarily designed for huge flying boats. The base will cost some $10,000,000, while an additional $3,000,000 has been proposed for a school for aviation mechanics at the base.

Selection of Maxwell field, Montgomery, Ala., and Barksdale field, Shreveport, La., as army air training schools. Both are used now for combat training of army pilots.

May Add Aviation Units.

Recent completion of an army bombing base at MacDill field, near Tampa. It will serve as southeastern headquarters for army squadrons.

Possible addition of aviation units to National Guards. The Georgia National Guard has been selected as one of eight in the country to incorporate a bombardment squadron, while the entire force is mechanized.

Nearly all of the projects listed were under construction or being constructed at the time of President Roosevelt's announcement of his plan for national defense. When the vast program does get under way, even more development of southern resources is predicted.

In addition to actual work under way, authorities have pointed out that the southern climate is ideal for year-round training of all branches of the service; that northern Alabama is a great producer of iron ore and finished steel; that the mountains of Kentucky and West Virginia are full of coal necessary to war industries, and that Georgia's mineral wealth is extensive.

Now Men of Italy Wear Shorts to Be Patriotic

ROME.—The Italian government started a campaign to get Italian men out of trousers and into shorts.

The campaign, pressed in newspapers and by special posters, is part of Italy's effort to become self-sustaining despite the British blockade.

The commission on autarchy, presided over by Premier Benito Mussolini, also ruled out hats, ties and other cloth-consuming items of apparel and decided in favor of V-necked, short sleeve shirts.

Promoters of the campaign feared Italian men might think shorts and the new shirts were "sissy-ish." So the morning newspapers emphasized what they called the "new virile style" and said it was "not only hygienic, but masculine and patriotic."

This winter, it was said, the shorts may be lengthened a trifle.

To Plan Social Life for Army

Movies, Dramatics and Games to Be Provided For the Soldiers.

WASHINGTON.—Movies, amateur dramatics, books, games, songbooks and army hostesses to supervise "the social life of the enlisted men" are all to be provided for National Guard and selective service trainees, as well as for the men of the regular army. This will be done by the morale division, recently set up in the office of the adjutant general, it was said by the war department.

To Boost Morale.

In all these various activities of the morale division, it was emphasized, the sole aim would be to strengthen the will and ability of the soldier to perform his military duties. It is believed, for instance, that army song leaders will prove effective in creating and maintaining esprit de corps.

"A singing army is a fighting army," said Major General Bell in the World war, and it is planned to publish an army songbook to encourage the soldiers of 1940-41 to keep up the tradition. Mass singing under competent direction will be encouraged and many singers of national renown have volunteered their services in this connection.

The army motion picture service will provide moving pictures. A typical week's offering at an army theater includes three outstanding features and also a double feature. The service is being extended to the tent camps and cantonments which will house the National Guard and selective service trainees when they join the army.

Movies Available.

At each cantonment there will be two theater buildings, each seating 1,000, and at larger tent camps "big top" tents will accommodate as many as 2,200. For troops in the field or at maneuvers, mobile motion pictures will be available.

In World war days the army hostess was a familiar figure. When the army was demobilized in 1919 no new hostesses were appointed. The present program provides for one chief hostess and two assistants at each larger camp. One assistant will supervise the cafeteria, the other will supervise social life.

With the exception of camps where Y. M. C. A. buildings or those of the American Red Cross already exist, supervision over welfare work on military reservations will be exercised by military personnel.

College Names Fireman Aid to Museum Curator

LANCASTER, PA.—Franklin and Marshall college honored John Price, a city fireman who never progressed beyond grade school, by naming him assistant curator of the college museum.

The post is an honorary one, and Price will continue to answer fire alarms.

Just as a hobby Price began collecting fossils for Dr. H. J. Roddy, museum curator and nationally known scientist. Not long ago the Smithsonian institution named a newly discovered fossil for the fireman. Princeton university and other educational institutions recognize his opinions.

"Price came up the hard way," Dr. Roddy said. "If you don't think he's good ask some of the big universities."

24-Ounce Bottle of Wine Termed Ideal for Dinner

SAN FRANCISCO. — The proper amount of wine which a wine bottle should contain and the proper amount to be served at dinner is a matter of official record.

Before a public hearing by W. S. Alexander, federal alcohol administrator, H. A. Caddow, secretary-manager of the California Wine institute, testified that through the ages man has found three-fourths of a pint the ideal serving at dinner.

Hence, he said, the three-fourths of a quart bottle, or 24 fluid ounces, which constitutes a serving for two, is the ideal bottle for dinner purposes.

ROGER REYNOLDS KILLED IN AUTO CRASH

Roger Reynolds, prominent nurseryman of Menlo Park was killed in an automobile crash tbout a mile north of Santa Clara on high way 101 about 6 o'clock last Mondty morning when the car he was driving crashed into the rear of a machine operated by Joseph Traslabina of Santa Cltra.

According to reports of officers investigating the accident, both of the cars were proceeding south on the highway and Trasltbina said he was traveling at a moderate speed when the ccident happened.

While the officers expressed the opinion that Reynolds fell tsleep at the wheel, the real cause of the callision is not definitely known.

Mr. Reynolds died of internal injuries on the way to the O'Connor Sanitarium in San Jose.

Mr. Reynolds wts well known in this community where he has operated a nursery for many years. He established a most enviable name for himself by his fairness to tll with whom he came in contact, his genial smile and the kind word that he had for all. his passing will leave a place in the business circles of the city thtt it will be hard to fill.

Roger Reynolds was a member of Menlo Park Lodge No. 651, Free & Accepted Masons.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Mrs. Pauline Sparrow Reynolds; the following ntmed sisters: Miss Bessie R. Reynolds, Miss Loretta Claire Reynolds, Miss Patricia Reynolds and Mrs. Orie G. Ogle of San Francisco and a host of sorrowing friends.

Mr. Reynolds wts a native of San Francisco, aged 64 years.

Funeralservices were conducted by members of the Masonic Lodge of San Jose, Tuesday afternoon tt 2 o'clock from the chapel of the Marques Funeral Home of Santa Clara with inurnment at the Chapel of the Roses Oak Hill Memorial Park, San Jose.

Meteors This Month

Although the November sky will be presenting one of its most varied shows, including meteors, a new comet, a transit of mercury and the moon passing between Jupiter and Saturn, it will be unusual in appearance only to astronomers. Dr. Hamilton Jeffers, Lick observatory, declared this week.

Local amateur and professional astronomers will be able to observe Mercury when it passes across the sun's face November 11. The transit will begin at approximately 12:48 p. m. (PST) on Armistice day and will take nearly six hours, it is reported.

A small telescope or a piece of smoked glass may enable one to detect Mercury as a faint speck against the sun's surface.

On Wednesday, November 13, the moon, nearly full, will pass between Jupiter and Satnru, which are bright in the southern sky. The brightness of the moon will dttract from the brilliant display of Leonid meteors The meteor shower is destined to reach its height on November 16.

The newly discovered heavenly body, reported by L. E. Cunningham, Harvard scientist, September 5, will reach its greatest brightness in January. Although some astronomical quarters predict the comet may be one of the brightest since Hallty's comet in 1910, Dr. Jeffers pointed out "it will be unusual, but not exciting."

Constitution Quiz Set For Nov. 30th

The Board of Education of San Mateo County will conduct an examination on the Constitution on Saturday November 30, at 9 a. m. in the Central School, Redwood City. Teachers who need to meet this requirement for certification may take the examination.

from brazil

Concert Season To Open Friday

The enchanting Brazilian soprano, Bidu Sayao, who has storred as leading soprano of "Manon", "La Boheme", "Tht Marrioge of Figaro" in the San Francisco Opera. and who sings the roles of the retired Lucrezia Bori at the Metropolitan, will open the Fifth San Jose Concert Series on Friday evening of next week, November 15.

The "bewilderingly beautiful" Sayao, whose voice is soid to be as fresh and sparkling as anything to be heard on the operatic stage, will sing the following progrom: Revenez, revenez, Amours, Lully; My Mother bids me bind my Hair, Haydn; La Papillon, Campra; Aria, Caro Nome, from "Rigoletto", Verdi; La Fontaine de Coraouet, Letorey; Mazurka, Chopin; Pourquoi rester seulette, Saints-Saens; Villanella, Dell' Acqua; Waltz, from "Romeo and Julitte", Gounod; Bella, bellina, Recli; Vola Farfalletta, Chopin-Sandoval; La mi sola Laureola, Obradors, Coplas de curro dulce, Obradors; Tht Early Morning, Peel; The Little Shepherd's Song, Watts; My Persian Garden, Bellini; Fairy Pipers, Brewer.

Single tickets for Sayao, and season tickets for Sayao, Rochmaninoff, Elman and John Charles Thomas may be secured at the civic auditorium box office.

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School Teacher Is Paid; Yet She Has No Pupils

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—For three months a young woman kept a rural school open and received pay under her contract though no students appeared.

Then she decided to attend college and inquired of Arkansas' legal department if her pay would continue provided she held herself in readiness to return if any students showed up.

Opinion of Assistant Attorney General J. F. Koone:

1.—It is a bad policy to conduct a student-less school.

2.—The teacher could not be paid unless she continued to present herself at the school daily to teach if pupils appear.

Parade To Mark Armistice Day Celebration

Guests of honor at Menlo Park's Armistice Day parade and program will be those Menlo Park men who havevolunteered for duty and training in the army in the current conscription program according to the announcement of General Chairman L. L. Johnston.

Next Monday's celebration will start with a parade which will terminate at the Memorial Park where traditional ceremonies will be held. The second stop will be at Recreation Park, where games. contests and food will be the order of proceedue.

The names of those volunteers so far obtained are: Patrick Gilmer, Prosper Rufer, Vincent North cutt. Rollen Campbell, John Gilroy, Charles Washburn, Carl Hinds, tnd John Brittan.

Speaker of the day will be Louis T. Chess of San Mateo, past aret Commander of the American Legion. His address will be delivered at Memorial Park.

Mtyor Joseph Day will act as Master of Ceremonies and will introduce the speaker and the volunteers.

The parade will start at 10:30 a. m. shtrp Monday.

Army Volunteers May Fill Quota

Questionnaires now being mailed to volunteers who have signified intentions to join the army for one year's military training, are leading local draft boards to expect that Santa Clara County's first quota will be filled from the volunteer lists.

Draft board officials have stated those desiring to enlist at this time will be placed at he top of the list rtgardless of their lottery numbers.

One point in question was clarified for many draftees by the boards, who announced that if one draft board did not fill its quota through volunteers, it could not borrow volunteers frm another board even though the other draft board had enlistees over its own quota.

In cases whtre a draft board had too many volunteers, surpassing its quota, other volunteers would have to wait until their turns came before they could be inducted in a succeeding quota, it was pointed out.

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Ten seniors of Sequoit attended by two teachers were invited by the University of California to visit it last Saturday. They were conducted on a tour of the campus and taken to the Ctlifornia-Oregon State football game as guests of the university.

The invitation was made to ten or twelve Sequoia Seniors, prefertbly those planning to go to cal lege.

The students who went were Bill Culver, Mary Leech, Justin Eshleman, Bud Gamboni, Judy Moore, Jepson Garland, Bob Helfrich, Bill Kohlmoos. Florence Gorman and Ruth Fredrickson.

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War or No—Briton Must Have His Daily Sea Dip

FOLKESTONE, ENGLAND. — A 67-year-old grocer, who has bathed in the sea every morning for nearly 13 years, has been granted a special permit by military authorities so that he can still take his daily dip at Folkestone, Kent.

The bather, Henry J. Bull, has made more than 4,600 successive dips before breakfast, and it was a great blow to him when the Folkestone beach came within a defense area and bathing was banned.

For a time, Bull cycled several miles from Folkestone every morning to have a dip at another point.

Then he and a Folkestone councilor, who also takes his daily dip, put their heads together and decided to approach the military authorities.

Authorities yielded and agreed to grant the necessary permit.

Alabama Will Promote Better Horse Breeding

MONTGOMERY, ALA.—The state of Alabama is making plans to start a horse breeding farm for state use and as a nucleus to promote horse culture in Alabama.

Gov. Frank M. Dixon, father of the idea, said the state will buy 4,000 or 5,000 acres of breeding land in the rich, grassy Black Belt of central Alabama and stock it with 12 or 15 brood mares.

Beef for state needs also will be raised on the farm, he said.

State prison farms now use about 60 horses a year.

Uncover Large Roman Fort in Great Britain

CARLISLE, ENGLAND. — Workmen constructing air raid shelters in the suburb of Stanwix have uncovered a nine-acre Roman fort dating back to about the second century.

The fort, which formed part of Hadrian's wall, is rectangular shaped, 580 feet by 700 feet and is 300 feet broader than any other fort on the wall.

Hadrian's wall, 74 miles long, was built by Roman Emperor Hadrian in about 120 A. D., and stretched from Solway firth to the mouth of the Tyne. It was designed to protect Roman Britain from the tribes of the north.

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(Note— The Recorder is co-operating with Commissioner Geo. R. Reilly, member of the State Board of Equalization for this district, in a series of questions on "Our State Government", designed to better inform readers on the conduct of their state government. While this series in the main will deal with State Board of Equalization activities, Commissioner Reilly invites questions on all phases of state government which he will be happy to answer. They should be mailed to this office, or direct to Commissioner Reilly, 200 State Building, San Francisco. Special attention will be given inquiries from shcools. Ed.)

Q— What has the sales tax to do with the support of the schools

A— Everything! Without it there probably would be a marked curtailment of public education in California. All the money collected by sales tax, and the use tax as well, goes directly into the state general fund. The constitution of the state says the schools shall have first call upon the general fund for support in preference to every other function of government. So the sales tax income provides by far the bulk of the general fund, and as the result maintains the schools. In addition after the school support money is taken out, the balance goes for relief and other functions of government. This year some $70-million will go to schools, leaving an estimated $20-million for relief and other needs.

Q— Isn't it true that nearly all the state income, aside from the motor fuel taxes, goes into the general fund, and if so why is it the sales tax is so important?

A— The sales tax is so important because no other tax even approaches the revenue it brings in. The next largtst is the motor fuel tax, but these funds are frozen for highway purposes and are not available to the general fund. The sales tax is truly the backbone of California governmental finance. In fact the sales tax will be the determining factor on future state spending. If more funds are needed, undoubtedly they will come from a readjustment of the sales tax levy, because the state has found the sales tax the most equitable and fairest form of taxation, in that everyone pays a just share. It may serve also to bring about very detp consideration upon the part of the voters before they vote new demands upon the state treasury, now that all must share in the cost of these demands.

Q— Was the sales tax always three per cent?

A— No! When the act was first introduced it was two and one-half per cent, and foodstuffs were included with other sales. In 1935 the tax was raised to three per ctnt. and foodstuffs were exempt from the tax. This change was made as a means of easing the burden upon those considered least able to pay.

Q— Is the sales tax still as unpopular as it was originally?

A— No! Of course, any form of taxation is more or less unpopular with many people, but the sales tax today stands firmly entrenched as the most equitable solution to taxation in California. Naturally thert are still objections to it, but in any fair discussion of taxation and its application to the people as a whole, there is no consistent argument against the sales tax as a means of producing large revenues for financial dtmands made upon the state by its people. Neither is there consistent argument against the fact that the sales tax distributes the burden in such a manner that thost best able to pay, contribute the most, while all do their part for the service the state government renders them. Now among the most ardent supporters of the sales tax are the schools and their supporting organizations. They have come to realize that withut it public education in California would be seriously handicapped.

Q— Who is responsible to the state for the collection of the sales tax?

A— The etailer, the merchant who sells direct to the public. In California there are some 185,000 retailers, who must report to the State Board of Equalization periodically upon the amount of sales tax oollected, and forward those collections. Strange as it may seem to the lay obstrver, five per cent of the retilers in California pay 70 per cent of the sales tax.

Q— Is the sales tax a tax upon the retailer, or a tax on tht purchaser

A— Under the present setup, the sales tax is a tax upon the retailer, but under the law he must pass it on to the customer, and must make known to the customer the amount of sales tax he pays on every purchast.

(Continued Next Week)

King's Yoke Lifted From District of Columbia

WASHINGTON.—This news may seem tardy by a century and a half, but the District of Columbia received word from congress that the British king henceforth won't have any jurisdiction in local laws.

It took a Brooklyn legisiator of Irish descent to throw off the yoke. One day last year, Rep. Eugene J. Keogh (D., N. Y.), chairman of the house committee on revision of the laws, came across a strange statute. A bit verbose, it set forth technical procedure to be followed in taking exceptions to rulings in a court of laws.

But that was only part of it, for Representative Keogh's amazed eyes read: "And if the King . . . cause the record to come before him and the same exception be not found in the roll . . ."

Diving into a stack of legal tomes he discovered that this statute, a hangover from Colonial days when Maryland and Virginia were under the rule of the king, became a part of the district's law when Maryland and Virginia donated the land for the capital of the new republic.

Seamstress Prize Winner Prefers to Raise Hogs

LA UNION, N. M.—"I'd rather raise Poland China pigs than sew."

Young Miss Virginia Bogart spoke and the statement might not have been so unusual had it not been for the fact that the farm girl had just been presented with first prize in an all-cotton dress making contest at the Southwestern Irrigated Cotton Growers' association.

Her sex makes no difference to her liking of animal husbandry.

In a further display of her versatility, she won second prize in the New Mexico state high school cooking contest last year.

Treasure Island, where the Pageant of the Pacific held sway for two seasons, was turned over to demolition companies last Friday after Burton J. Wyman, federal referee in bankruptcy, had signed an order disposing of everything at the Golden Gate International Exposition grounds except a few ptrmanent structures.

The fair commission accepted a demolition bid of $105,000 from the Dulien Steel Products company of Los Angeles and Seattle. The bid covered the Tower of the Sun, the huge exhibit halls. ferry slips and practically everything except the two vast concrete structures— the administration building and the Pan American Airways hangar.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Wewison of 263 Amadore avenue, Atherton, are in New York City at the Hotel Commodore for an indefinite stay.

Chorus Cracks Down On Male Intruder

RENO NEV.—For its annual costume "She-Jinx" coed party of Tri Delta sorority of the University of Nevada, the girls this year wore costumes representing songs. When, a male intruder was found in their midst, the "songs" joined in an "Anvil Chorus" and the youth was punished.

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Master Reading Of Indian Signs

U. S. Border Patrolmen Rely Upon Ancient Art of American Redskins.

EL PASO.—United States border patrolmen, with the most modern equipment and training that science can produce, rely heavily upon an art at which the American Indian was a past master before the coming of the Pilgrims.

At Camp Chigas, where 800 border patrolmen will be trained to help guard the nation's boundaries against undesirables, recruits are thoroughly grounded in the use of modern scientific equipment and receive rigorous training in many fields, but the ancient art of "sign-cutting" is stressed as one of the most valuable assets a patrolman can have.

Sign-cutting is the art of finding and interpreting marks left by something that has passed.

"There is perhaps no branch of law enforcement today wherein the reading of sign plays a more important part or produces more timely and accurate information than in the patrolling of our land and water boundaries," T. P. Love, senior patrol inspector, said in his instructions on sign-cutting to the recruits in training.

Called Most Reliable.

"It can be said without fear of successful contradiction that there is no form of intelligence information which is more reliable and timely when interpreted by a competent officer than 'sign,'" Love said.

All new border patrolmen are told to "cultivate the habit of looking for the sign."

"Force yourself to look for tracks and significant marks or unusual signs and it will not be long until you will be doing so subconsciously," they are told. "The technique of interpreting correctly what you have seen will gradually follow."

The importance of closely studying tracks to be followed, as soon as a plain set is encountered, will be realized when, after following a trail for some distance, the train leads into a section where it merges with other tracks of approximately the same age, Love said in stressing this phase of sign-cutting.

"Tracks, like fingerprint records, have their own peculiarities, and if the proper study has been given to them, they usually can be identified and followed even though merged with others on the same trail," Love said.

The mere locating of a set of tracks constitutes only a part of the patrolman's problem. After sighting them he must exercise judgment and caution in the tracing process. Sign-cutters often ride back and forth across a trail at varying intervals to determine that they are still on the trail and at the same time to avoid riding smack into the ambush of dangerous smugglers.

Human tracks and marks left by a human hand or foot are not the only type sign that the patrolman must learn to detect. The treads of various automobile tires and even of airplane tires and tail skids must be learned, as smugglers and aliens have resorted to the latter two modes of transportation to facilitate their endeavors.

At the conclusion of his course in sign-cutting at the training school, the border patrolman is told three fundamental rules to obey:

"Cultivate the habit of looking for sign; be observing at all times and learn to detect at a glance suspicious sign; and bear in mind that the tracks you leave may facilitate the work of the enemy."

Enroute to Mexico City on a 17-day goodwill tour of the southern epublic, several hundred Shriners and their friends from this district will leave San Francisco December 12 in a special Southern Pacific train according to Joseph Vevera agent for the railroad.

John W. Davey. potentate of Islam Temple, will head the party which plans to stops over at Nogales, Guaymas. Mazatlan, Tepic, Guadalajara. Mexico City, El Paso and Carlsbad Caverns.

An elaborate entertainment pro gram has been arranged for the excursionists who plan to celebrate the Christmas holiday in Mexico City, according to Dr. Howard M. McKinley and Earl Harris of San Francisco, in charge of the tour.

The all-expense tour will be the sixth sponsored by Islam Temple of the Shrine.

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420 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park

Rector, The Reverend
Charles Edward Fritz, M. A. B. D.

SUNDAY SERVICES:

8:00 a. m. — Holy Communion.

9:30 a. m. — Church School in the Parish House, 1060 Laurel St.

11:00 a. m. — First Sunday, Holy Communion and sermon; other Sundays, Morning Prayer and sermon.

First and third Mondays, 2:15 p.m Woman's Auxiliary in the Parish House.

First Wednesday, 10:00 a. m., Altar Guild in the Church.

Other services as advertised from time to time.

REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, L. D. S.

L. E. Harris, D. D., Pastor

Corner Spencer avenue and Gran Street, San Jose.

Church School, 9:45 a. m.

Morning worship at 11 o'clock.

Holy Communion, first Sunday of month at 11:00 a. m.

Evening worship at 7:30, at which time Elder C. J. Cady will be the speaker.

Prayer service at 8:00 p. m. on Wednesday evening.

The public is cordially invited to attend all of these services.

Philadelphia Church Services For Week

Corner Oak Grove avenue and Mills Street

Gospel Meetings

Sunday, 10 a. m., Sunday School.

11 a. m. Morning service.

7:30 p. m. Communion service in Menlo Park.

Wednesday night at 8 o'clock, Healing Service. Come and bring the sick. Everybody is invited to attend all of these services.

Joseph Ystrom, Pastor.

MENLO PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

716 Santa Cruz Avenue

Menlo Park, California

Church Notes for October 27, 1940

9:45 a. m.—Sunday school, Mrs. E. J. Clark, superintendent.

11:00 a. m.—Morning worship. Sermon.

6:30 p. m.—Christian Endeavor meetings, seniors and intermediates.

7:30 p. m.—Evening service.

Rev. Eldred J. Clark, Minister.

SEQUOIA NOTES

Miss Anne Boyer '35 an ex-sports editor of Sequoit Union high school spoke to an assembly of the Sequoia Girls Society last Wednesday. Miss Boyer's talk, based on the problems of job hunting, brought out several points which Miss Boyer said any employer would expect of a job applicant.

After the assembly a tea wts given in Miss Boyer's honor and then she visited the Journalism room where she first started her career as a journalist.

MENLO SCHOOL

MENLO PARK SCHOOL

The Kindergtrten class is preparing for Thanksgiving. They are making a border of pumpkins and other Thanksgiving cut-outs round the room. They are also learning songs for this occtsion.

The First grade class is working on its new grocery store. The students have hammered and sawed away and will be ready to ptint it this coming week.

If any one should enter the Second grade, they would be very pleased to see the wonderful display of clay plaques modeled by the children. Ltst week they finished painting them.

Murray Meyer had a birthday on November 4. He was seven years old.

There is a new boy in this room, his name is James Kelly tnd he is from Redwood City.

There is a display of "Homes of the World" in the front hall of the school which the third grade have drawn.

The Sixth grade has tppointed the following committee:

Orchestra: Drew Terramorse.
Athletics: Billy Bradbury.
Social: Emma Lindquist.
Entertainment: Jeter Jepson.
Health: Shirley Sidwell.
Medicine: Peggy Casey.
Librtrian: Nancy Cowman.

The eighth grade birls are practicing for the Armistice Day program which will raise money to buy enough caps for the girls traffic patrol.

There is to be a short plty written by two girls of the Low eighth, a poem about Armistice Day will be recited and several of the girls are going to sing.

The admission will be five cents.

The students are still practicing for the Armistice Dty Parade. All of the organizations of the school will take part.

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Presbyterian Church Items Of Interest

By Rev E. J. Clark

On Friday last, November first, at the Presbyterian Church on Santa Cruz avenue, Menlo Park, the Rev. E. J. Clark tied the nuptial knot uniting Frances Evelyn Lawton, eldest daughter of Frank and Mary Lawton,, of 1026 Curtis street, Menlo Park, to Sargeant Ralph L. Williams, late of Texas and now attached to the 79th pursuit squadron at Hamilton Field.

The best man was Staff Sergeant Alfred Hess of the same regiment and Ivy Rhodt Lawton, sister of the bride was maid of honor and the father gave his daughter away.

The bride wts dressed in a white crepe de chine gown, with a white ful shubby coat, and hat to match. She wore a corsage of pink roses. The bridesmaid was dressed in bltck floral crepe.

The newlyweds are staying at San Rafael, to be within ear-shot of the "bugle call."

The first unit of the 79th pursuit group embarked for the Phillipine Isltnds a few days ago, and it is probable the newlyweds will have a belated honeymoon in the Far East.

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Twenty-eight young people enjoyed a real rollicking good time at their Htllowe'en Party last Friday in the Social Hall of the Presbyterian church. A spooky reception, jack-o-lantern lighting effects, apple on the string contests, and tctivity games throughout the even ing were popular featuuees. Dough nuts and apple cider were served as refreshments. Following this social evening it was decided to form a new Christian Endetvor group of high school age.

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Attending the San Francisco Presbyterial held on November 6, in the Calvary Presbyterian church of Berkeley were Mrs. H. H. Betrce Mrs. J. B. Glunz, Miss Ellen Coolidge, and Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Clark Dr. Charles T. Leber, secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, was the speical petker of the afternoon session.

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Nn November 15th, from 6 to 7:30 p. m., the Mariners Club will serve one of those Bean Dinners for which the Presbyterian church has become famous. Tickets are now on stle at 40 cents for adults and 25 cents for children. There will be plenty of accessories to go with the beans so that any one can enjoy a good dinner. The public is cordially invited to be on htnd Friday evening.

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Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Clark will attend a Missionary Conference dinner at Ashland, today.

TRINITY CHURCH GETS NEW ORGAN

Trinity Episcopal Church in Menlo Park hts just been pesented with a new electric organ ("Orgaton" which was used for the first time last Sunday. The organ, a gift from a ftmily in the Parish, was purchased from the Stanford Music Shop in Palo Alto and personally installed by Mr. Hage. The Rector had mantged to keep the matter a secret and the Sunday morning con gregation htd a real surprise. Many of them remarked later that as they walked up to the Church door hev couldn't believe that those "pipe-organ" notes were coming from their little Church with its old reed organ tnd they wondered what had happened. All the Parish is rejoicing at this wonderful gift.

Sunday morning the Reverend Dr. Mark Rifenbark, Rector of Trinity Episcopl Church San Jose, will occupy the pulpit of Trinity in Menlo Park and will give an account of the recent General Con vention in Kansas City to which he was a delegtte. The Reverend Chas. E. Fritz will be in charge of the 11 o'clock service in Trinity church in San Jose.

Next Sunday is the beginning of the Every-Member Canvass which runs until November 24th. In this period every member will be asked to renew his financitl pledge for the wok of the Chuch at home and abroad. This year with the decision of the General Convention to come to the aid of some of the British wrk so hard hit by wtr conditions, the need is greater than ever.

Tuesday, November 12th, beginning at 10:300 a. b. there will be an all day meeting of the Convocttion of San Jose at St. James' Church, Paso Robles. Members of Trinity are urged to attend.

Badminton Season Will Open Tuesday

Welcome news to the badminton players of Menlo Park will be the announcement of the opening night of the badminton season on Tuesday November 12 at 7 o'clock at the Menlo Junior College gymnasium.

Through the coopertion of Chris Conners, athletic director of the Menlo Junior College and Leonard L. Sise, director of the city sponsored recreation program, Works Projects Administration, arrangements have been made for the use of the gymntsium every evening throughout the winter and spring months for badminton.

This activity will be conducted under the supervision of a member of the Menlo Park recreation staff.

Three barminton courts will be availtble to the players. In order to accommodate as many players as possible those using the courts will be required to yield the court after two sets of winning doubles and one set of singles.

Steam Shovel Uncovers Skeleton of Mastodon

COLUMBIANA, OHIO.—The curiosity of Wilbur Weber, a steam-shovel operator, brought to light the bones of a prehistoric two-ton mastodon when he was digging a drainage ditch on a farm.

Jumping down from his steam shovel when he noticed a vein of peat he was digging through, Weber found the first bone of an almost complete skeleton. Experts pronounced the fossils authentic.

Platter Chatter

By Oscar Reed

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For both grown-ups and children, four new Black Label records from Victor offer a pleasant and fascinating introduction this week to the world of symphonic music.

The vital melodic content of the Beethoven Fifth, the Tschaikowsky Fourth and Fifth, the Dvorak "New World", the Schubert "Unfinished", the Brahms First, the Cesar Franck D Minor, cnd Rimsky-Korsakow's Scherazade— the heart of eight great symphonic movements, each one a completed and logically formed musical unit, aech devoted to the melodious tssence of music— is now avoilable in Victor's sensational new album "Heart of the Symphony", played by the Victor Symphony orchestra under the direction of the noted Charles O'Connell.

Each symphonic movtment has been condensed to five minutes, eliminating the technicol development which is intellectual rather than emotional, and often difficult to understand. Variety and scope of this unique album ore extraordinary.

SCOTCH SYMPHONY

A double introduction is found in a new up-to-date recording of Mendelssohn's "Scotch Symphony" —Symphony No. 3, in A Minor— time on record eth the inn which presents for the first time on records Jose Iturbi as conductor, together with the Rochester Philharmonic orchestra. Iturby has an unconny kill for he delicate, difficult and swift in music and finds an admirable showcase for his talints in Mendelssohn's chorming work. The Scherzo shows particularly intelligent penetration and extraordinarily precise execution.

Johnny Dodds, the immortal Negro clarinetist, died two months ago, and Sidney Bechet ond his New Orleans Feetwarmers which includes Dodds' brother on the drums, have waxed a memoriam to him entitled "Blue for You, Johnny", backed by "Ain't Misbehavin' ". The former is o true tribute in hot music to an even greater hot clarinetist. There are spots that are a bit cloudy on this one, but tht entire effict is praiseworthy.

The unusual vcoalist. Walter Fuller, with Earl Hines and hi orchestra, steals the new releasing of Hines' called "Topsy Turvy" which is backed by "Ann". Hines' delicate, split-beat piano work is here and there's good brass work, but Fuller's vocal is "ne plus ultra" and decidedly refreshing for its exciting tone. Recommended for those who collect the good in jozz.

For those who like to have freinds over to listen to records, ssmething different is a recording of "Gags and Super-Gags" by the monologist Harry Youngman. Youngman gives off a Groucho Marx potter on the various problems of the day, combines them altogether into a humorous little sketch.

Art Treasures of France All Are Safely Stored

VICHY.—France's great museum collections, chiefly the priceless heritage of centuries of royal and imperial collections, have survived the war in perfect condition and the hidden art treasures are not damaged by their transport or storage. M. Jaujard, director of national museums, visited the hideouts and inspected the paintings to ascertain the extent of possible damage. He reported that none of the paintings, tapestries or sculpture suffered.

Months before the blitzkrieg, France emptied the museums, crating the statuary and rolling the paintings that were too big to be carried in their frames. They were removed into the central highlands, where some were buried in concrete underground vaults safe from bombs. Part of the collection had been hidden in the Loire valley, necessitating a second hasty flight when the German army entered Touraine.

U. S. Meat Supplies Fall; 1941 Prices Will Go Up

WASHINGTON.—American consumers may have to pay higher prices next year for their bacon, ham and beefsteak.

The agriculture department said recently that slaughter supplies of live stock will be smaller in 1941 than in 1940 because unfavorable producer prices last spring discouraged breeding operations. Demand, on the other hand, is expected to be larger.

The rise in consumer prices, the department said, will be more pronounced for pork products than for other meats.

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the County Planning Commission of the County of San Mateo, State of California, did, by resolution thereof, adopt at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 20th day of September, 1940, after following the procedure specified by law, approve a certain amendment to Ordinance No. 400 of said county, being the Land Use Plan Ordinance of the County of San Mateo, and did adopt the same as an amendment to the Master Plan of said county, and did recommend that the Board of Supervisors of said county adopt said proposed amendment which amendment is as follows, to-wit:

That Ordinance No. 400 of the County of San Mateo, State of California, be amended so as to include within an R-1 District certain property lying along each side of Rose Avenue between Lemon Avenue and Orange Avenue, which property has heretofore been included in an R-1-B-2 district, as said amendment is shown on a map entitled, "Proposed amended Section 12i of the Land Use Plan Ordinance of San Mateo County", a certifeld copy of which map is on file in the office of the secretary of said planning commission at the Court House, Redwood City, California, to which is attached a certified copy of this resolution.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN: That said Board of Supervisors in adjourned meeting assembled on the 29th day of October, 1940, did set a certain time and place for a public hearing on said proposed amendment, at which time and place all persons interested therein may appear and be heard thereon, which time and place is as follows, to-wit:

At the hour of 11 A. M. on the 19th day of November, 1940, in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors in the Court House, Redwood City, California.

W. H. AUGUSTUS,
County Clerk and Exofficio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California.

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The Mtriners' Club of the Menlo Park Presbyterian church will serve a Bean Dinner at the church next week Friday, November 15, from 6 to 7:30 p. m. Tickets for adults 40 cents ,children 25 cents. The public is invited.

The quota of men to be furnished for the draft from Menlo Park area, district No. 107, is 111.

Christian Science Church Services

"Unto thee wil I cry, O Lord my rock . . . Save the people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever." These words from Psalms comprise the Golden Text to be used Sunday November 10, in all Churches of Shrist, Scientist, branches of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.

The subject of the Lesson-Sermon will be "Adam and Fallen Man." Included among the Scriptural stlections will be: "Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me . . . O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord . . . For the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death" (Romans 7: 20, 24, 25 to first period; Romans 8: 2).

The following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, will also be included: "The Son of the Virgin-mother unfolded the remedy for Adam, or error; and the Apostle Paul explains this warfare between the idea of divine power which Jesus presented, and mythological intelligence called energy and opposed to Spirit" (p. 534).

Miss Helen B. Smith of this city has been elected a member of the board of directors of the Notre Dame Alumnae Association, San Jose-Belmont Chapter.

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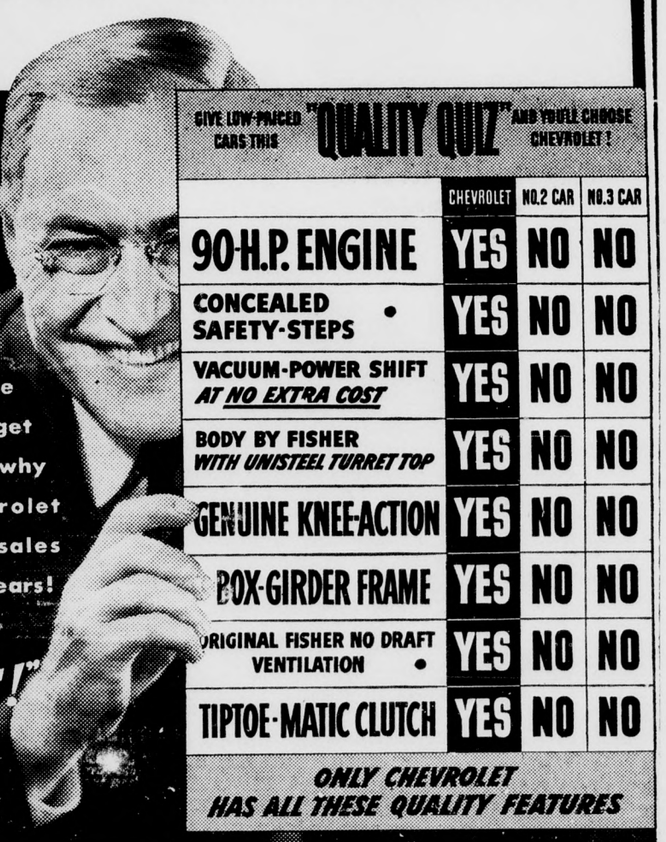

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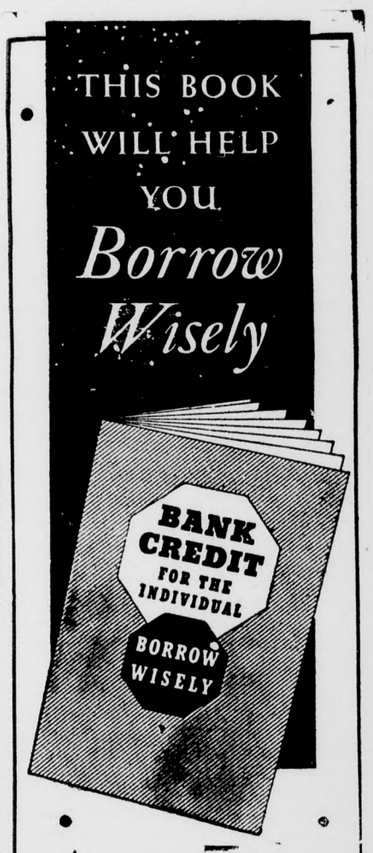

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Snake Cultists Fight Legal Ban

Authorities Seek to Stop Strange Rites as Public Menace.

PINE MOUNTAIN, KY.—A little cult of mountain folk tucked away in these remote and rugged hills is rapidly spreading a strange snake-handling ritual to demonstrate divine faith.

The followers are sending out their missionaries from the hills to preach their "true gospel," and it has reached far into the South and even north of the Ohio river.

In many places authorities are trying to ban their ceremonies on the grounds that the poisonous snakes are a public menace—but the devout cult leaders cite the Constitutional right of religious freedom.

And despite the bans they continue the rites which resemble some ancient pagan ceremony.

From the hills the snake-handling ritual has spread into Tennessee, Georgia, Virginia, West Virginia, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.

Banned by Law.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky considered the situation so grave the legislature passed a law recently prohibiting snake handling at religious services, with violators subject to fines of $20 to $50 and a jail sentence. But the practice flourishes.

In Cincinnati police invaded a meeting of the snake-handlers at the "True Church of God" and seized two reptiles after Ethel Seely, a nurse, was bitten.

Down in Adel, Ga., the cult ran afoul of the law when six-year-old Letha Mae Rowan was bitten by a rattlesnake during one of their ceremonies. Officers heard of the case and sought the child for medical aid—but the mother hid Letha Mae, stoutly maintaining that divine faith would make her well again.

Judge W. R. Smith of Cook county issued a temporary injunction restraining the cult from conducting any services in which snakes were handled, and the child's father, Albert Rowan, a tenant farmer, and Preacher W. T. Lipham were jailed until it was apparent the child would recover.

The teachings of the cult are based on a literal interpretation of the words of St. Mark, in which Christ, after his resurrection, appeared to them: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

"And these signs shall follow them that believe; in My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

"They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Mark 16:17-18.

Terrific Emotion.

About a decade ago K. D. Browning, a Pine Mountain farmer and preacher, began teaching his flock that those with Divine faith could pick up snakes and not be harmed even if bitten.

His following grew during the years. On the third Saturday and Sunday of each month the mountain folk gather in the Pine Mountain church for services which oftentimes last all day and far into the night by the dim light of kerosene lamps.

Many trudge for 10 or 15 miles across the mountain ridges, bringing baskets heaped with food.

For hours the wooded hillsides echo with sounds of cymbals, clapping hands and sing-song chants which beat on the senses in a monotone like the steady pounding of voodoo drums in the jungles.

The emotional effect is terrific.

Men and women shout and pray in an outpouring of emotion.

Any "brother" may preach who feels the urge.

A cult member who "feels the spirit" takes a writhing snake and wraps it about his head or fondles it in his hands. Then it is passed among the believers, men and women, in an atmosphere that fairly crackles with nervous tension.

Geologists Report on Great World Upheaval

DENVER. —A great sea once rolled over that part of America where the majestic Rocky mountains now tower.

Then came a mighty volcanic action that literally turned the earth inside out.

This happened 1,500,000,000 years ago, University of Denver geologists decided after a study of the formation of the Rocky mountain region.

Navy Speeds Up Ship Purchases

Mary Auxiliary Vessels Bought, and Reservists Ordered on Duty.

WASHINGTON. — The navy has speeded negotiations for acquiring 53 merchant marine vessels to meet the auxiliary needs of a "two-ocean" fleet and stepped up mobilization of thousands of reservists to man them.

Navy department sources disclosed that 22 principal auxiliary craft already have been purchased or advanced to the final contract stage. These vessels and 31 additional ones will be converted into tenders, oilers, hospital and supply ships. The navy has $75,000,000 to spend for such ships.

The navy also bought 30 smaller craft for a total price of about $7,000,000 to be fitted out as mine sweepers, submarine chasers and other minor naval uses.

Naval district commanders were instructed to put the 35,091 officers and men of the naval and marine fleet and organized reserve, for which mobilization orders were announced, into active duty stations without delay.

Navy department spokesmen also disclosed that 7,118 officers and men of the volunteer reserve corps have been accepted for active duty. This will bring the number of reserves in active service to 39,200 within the next few months and the total strength of America's sea-fighting forces to 239,601.

Men of the fleet reserve and organized naval reserve have no choice but to answer the mobilization order; members of the volunteer reserve at present are being called only with their consent.

Indications were the navy will further increase its unprecedented peacetime manpower possibly to more than 250,000 men by calling for more men from the naval and marine volunteer reserves. It will still have a reservoir of 35,000 officers and men in the volunteer and the independent merchant marine reserves when present mobilization orders are fulfilled. These orders to individual units will be issued by district commanders.

The mobilization now being carried out is mandatory with no provisions for exceptions in the case of men with dependents. It was ordered under President Roosevelt's proclamation of a national emergency following outbreak of the European war in [illegible]

Short on Vitamin A? You Fumble in Dark

Causes You to Squat in Seat Already Occupied.

IOWA CITY, IOWA.—Do you have trouble finding that elusive keyhole in the dark? Do you have to fumble all over the wall for the light switch? Are you in the habit of dropping into somebody's lap instead of into a vacant seat when you go to a movie theater?

University of Iowa research workers probably would blame your troubles on lack of vitamin A in your body. For the last five years the university's children's hospital has been measuring the lack of vitamin A by means of dark-adaptation tests under the direction of Dr. P. C Jeans.

The subject is placed in total darkness for 10 minutes. Then a soft light is allowed in the room for three minutes. The lights go out completely again for another 10 minutes during which adaptation tests are made.

When eyes are slow about seeing clearly in this darkness, taking vitamin A may make the seeing better. The vitamin is best available in food.

Vitamin A is found in animal products such as fish-liver oils, butter and eggs, and in leafy and yellow vegetables and fruits. The average diet is adequate in that vitamin, but the vitamin A intake of the body varies from day to day and meal to meal.

"The greater variation is to be expected in a low cost diet and the lowest content of vitamin A is to be expected in winter and in early spring," Dr. Jeans declared.

The report said that the most frequent and usual cause of impaired dark-adaptation is a vitamin A deficiency resulting from illness, especially illness resulting from infection.

Vital Defense Metals From Alaska May Increase

SEATTLE.—Alaskan tin deposits may give the United States a measure of protection in the event foreign shipments are cut off.

The Far North will produce between 50 and 60 tons of the vital defense material this year, it was said by Jack Underwood of the chamber of commerce.

If the deposits are sufficiently large, he disclosed, a tin smelter will be constructed near Seattle.

Weddings Provide Swallows' Banquet

RENO, NEV. — When the Reno courthouse sparrows returned this year from their annual migration there was an awful hubbub. They showed up on the day that 325 couples—a record at that time for Reno—also showed up to be married, and the rice that blanketed the courthouse greens kept the sparrows well fed.

Unusual Engine Is Offered to Nation

Designed by Catholic Priest And Son of Minister.

TEKEMAH, NEB.—In this little agricultural town far removed from the nation's great aviation factories, a Catholic priest and the son of a Methodist minister believe they have perfected an engine that will revolutionize aeronautics.

Its unique features include, they say, a drive arm of secret design that eliminates the necessity of connecting rods.

For four years, behind locked doors and shuttered windows of an old building they purchased when their equipment became too large for their homes, they worked laboriously on the engine.

After exhaustive tests, they are submitting it to the war department for inspection and possible purchase.

The inventors are the Rev. W. J. Borer, pastor of St. Patrick's church for the last nine years, and Warren E. George, a University of Nebraska graduate engineer, whose father holds a small Methodist pastorate.

The model of the engine represents a cost in time, materials and labor of approximately $33,000. The inventors estimate that it can be manufactured for aerial craft at a cost of only $25.

The model is a 10-cylinder internal combustion type. It is adaptable to powering tanks and to motorboats but is primarily intended for air service.

Cigar-shaped, it is only 20 inches long, weighs 36 pounds, but develops five horsepower at 4,000 revolutions a minute.

Its inventors modestly assert that power far in excess of anything yet manufactured could be developed with a 20-cylinder engine of larger dimensions.

Former Miner Devises New Dust-Type Explosive

MILLERSVILLE, W. VA.—Alva Rivers, ex-coal miner, believes he has invented an explosive sufficiently powerful to end the European war in 30 days.

"My invention is a special explosive combined with a dust which is more effective than poison gas," said Rivers, who claims his mining experience has made him familiar with explosives. "This gas-dust remains four or five days in the vicinity of the explosion."

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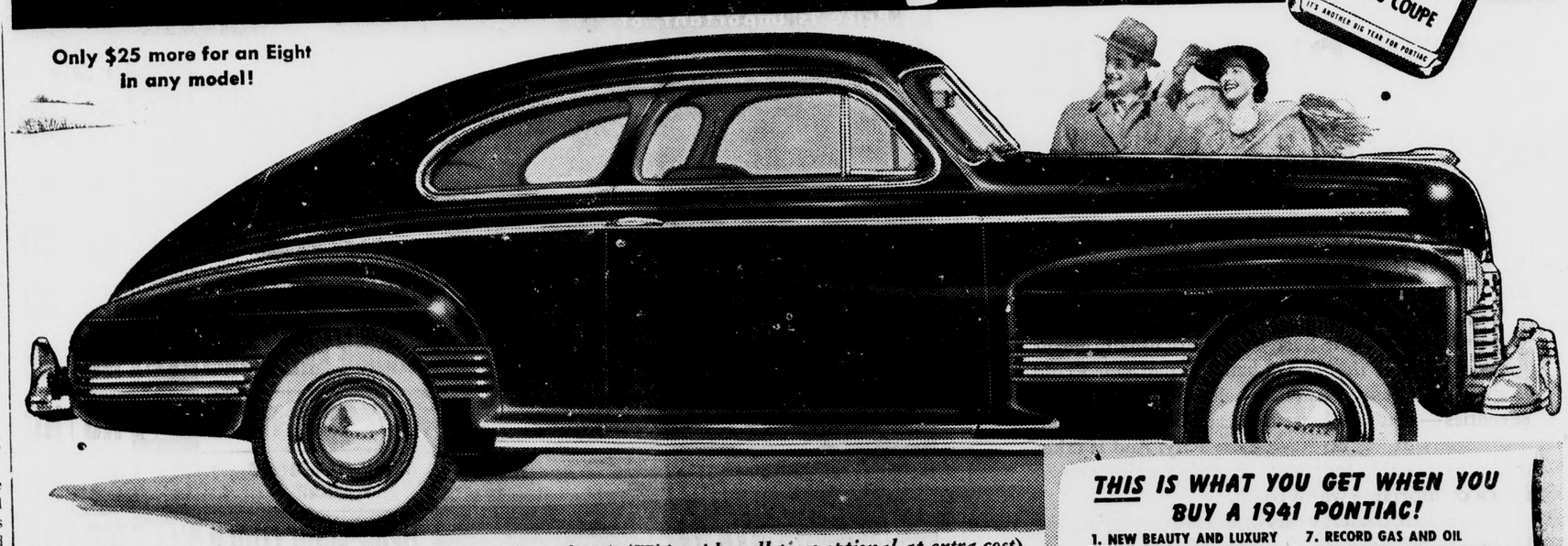

Model Illustrated: Streamliner "Torpedo" Six Sedan Coupe $923★ (White sidewall tires optional at extra cost)

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